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(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL DE POIX, DIA

SUBJECT: Overseas Processing and Interpretation Centers

As you are aware, the National Reconnaissance Office has supported the two Overseas Processing and Interpretation Centers in Asia and Europe, based upon policies and procedures contained in USIB-D-46.1/2, June 21, 1967. Our interest in the OPIC operation has been in the potential support required to process imagery for missions flown under NRO auspices.

Historically there has been only slight need for OPIC support to NRO missions. Flights have been conducted only infrequently, and have, selectively, been processed at Eastman Kodak in lieu of using the OPICs.

The NRP ExCom decided in Oct-Nov 1973 ~~I have recently coordinated on a plan~~ to consolidate all U-2 assets within the Air Force which will result in abolishing the IDEALIST fleet. This will result in no operating aircraft ~~The NRO has no other manned aircraft or drone assets~~, and I would task the Air Force to carry out any future missions of this nature over denied territories.

For these reasons ~~I have concluded that~~ NRO support to the OPICs is no longer viable, and ~~plan to delete~~ further provisions for OPIC support will be made by the NRP from the NRP. All equipment which has been furnished by the NRO to the OPICs will be left in place, but we will not be in a position to provide maintenance, personnel, or other support in the future.

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